GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3600
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
POST TREATMENT INFECTION TO GUJARAT QUAKE VICTIMS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Union Government is drawn to the WHO`s concern for urgent measures to deal with the quake victims who underwent emergency medical treatment in the initial days of disaster;

(b) whether the Union Government are made arrangement for the offer by WHO to provide technical expertise in assessing the requirement and resources needed to give necessary medical aid to the victims; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3600 FOR 21.3.2001. `

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Based on the request from the State health department of Gujarat the WHO`s activities are focussed on the following areas: strengthening of diseases surveillance, health sector coordination, advisory capacity of public health consequences of the earthquake, pursuing best public health practices and minimum standards in the relief assistance, water and sanitation with particular attention to water quality. WHO has established 6 surveillance centres with a 16 member team in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat to strengthen surveillance mechanism and the report is sent to the State Government for remedial measures. WHO office has re-deployed several of its medical officers who were working on polio and TB programs to support emergency work. 25 vehicles are also being put into operation. In the initial period WHO has provided medicines and emergency kits worth US $ 450,000. Director General of WHO has placed US $ 1,00,000 and Regional Director of WHO, South East Asia has allocated US $ 50,000 to support WHO` work.